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Just For Kansas.

When the afternoon is smiling,
And the sunshine's on the floor
And the little saucy breezes
Come a fluttering round the door,
I can see the sun-kissed prairie
Stretching far as eye can see,
And I feel the old heart lonesomeness
Come stealing over me
Just for Kansas.

Sunny Kansas with its breezes
And the old farm by the hill,
And the horses on the prairie
Where they galloped at their will,
And the long forgotten cowpath
Through the meadow to the creek—
Ah, my longing heart is begging me
To start right out and seek,
Just for Kansas.

I can see the south wind blowing
The alfalfa grown so tall,
I can hear my pony neighing
To be taken from her stall,
And my saddle hangs there waiting
For the touch of loving hand;
And my restless heart is longing,
When the dusk is o'er the land
Just for Kansas.

I can feel gray Nell beneath me
As we gallop o'er the plain,
I can feel the glad free sunshine
And the wind tossed through her mane,
I can hear the click of hoof beats,
See her head flung wild and free
And my heart is filled with longing,
And is begging, begging me,
Just for Kansas.

I can see the red sun sinking,
Full of glory in the west,
I can hear the night wind sighing
In that land I love the best;
I can see the home lights twinkling
From the old farm by the hill
And I catch my breath in longing,
For my heart is calling still,
Just for Kansas.

You may sing of old Wisconsin,
You may talk of Illinois,
But my heart's in dear old Kansas
There with mother and the boys.
You may talk of states and cities
From the dawn till setting sun,
But my heart is always longing,
When the toil of day is done,
Just for Kansas.

—Alma Enterprise.

"East Lynne" Next Tuesday.

On Tuesday, February 18th will be presented at the Opera House the ever popular and always welcome drama, "East Lynne," Beecher & Stanley's big company, the only company on the road making a specialty of this one piece. This drama is endorsed by press, clergy and critics. A life lesson for old and young. Will be presented one night only at the Opera House on Tuesday, February 18th. Reserved seats at the Red Cross Pharmacy. Admission 25, 35 and 50c.

Goos to Frankfort, Kansas.

Alois Bissing returned the first of this week from a trip in the northeastern part of the state. He has secured a good location at Frankfort, Marshall County, Kansas, and will remove his family there in a short time. He goes to Kansas City the first of next week to buy a large stock of furniture to stock his new store.

This family will be much missed by their many friends and relatives in Hays.

Harry Kirkman, who, with his brother Richard, has been running a dairy farm in Missouri, came in this week for a visit with relatives. They have sold their business and will engage in another line. "Nibs" is looking as well as ever.

Song Service.

A special song service will be held at the Presbyterian Church this Sunday evening. The following program will be rendered:

Organ Voluntary.....Miss Pestana
Hymn.....
Soprano Solo.....Mrs. Shively
Scripture Lessons and Prayer.
Anthem—"The Shadows Fall So Gently."

Alto Solo.....Miss Olive Westbrook
Anthem—"Guide Me O, Thou Great Jehovah."

Address by the Pastor.
Duet, "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say,".....Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Shively.
Offertory.

Anthem—"Bless The Lord, O My Soul."
Hymn.

Everyone is cordially invited to come out and enjoy this special service, which promises to be a treat in the musical line.

A Growing Business.

J. F. Jordan has a force of men at work this week building an addition to the east side of his storehouse building opposite Felton's Livery Stable. The main building will also be extended 30 feet in the rear and an upstairs built. This will give Mr. Jordan a storage capacity of over 5000 square feet and he expects to utilize it all in storing his furniture and second-hand goods.

Mr. Jordan's business is growing rapidly; he says it is absolutely necessary for him to have more storage room for his large stock of new and second-hand furniture.

The Agricultural College paper says of our former Experiment Station Superintendent:

J. G. Haney, Oswego, Kansas is the author of a sensible folder entitled "How to Grow 100 Bushels of Corn Per Acre." The essence of it is a discussion of the means by which two ears to the hill weighing one pound each may be secured. Mr. Haney has been making a reputation and winning prizes by reason of his own success with corn.

Remember, if you want any of the State Forest trees from Ogallah, you must get in your application before March 1st or you get none.

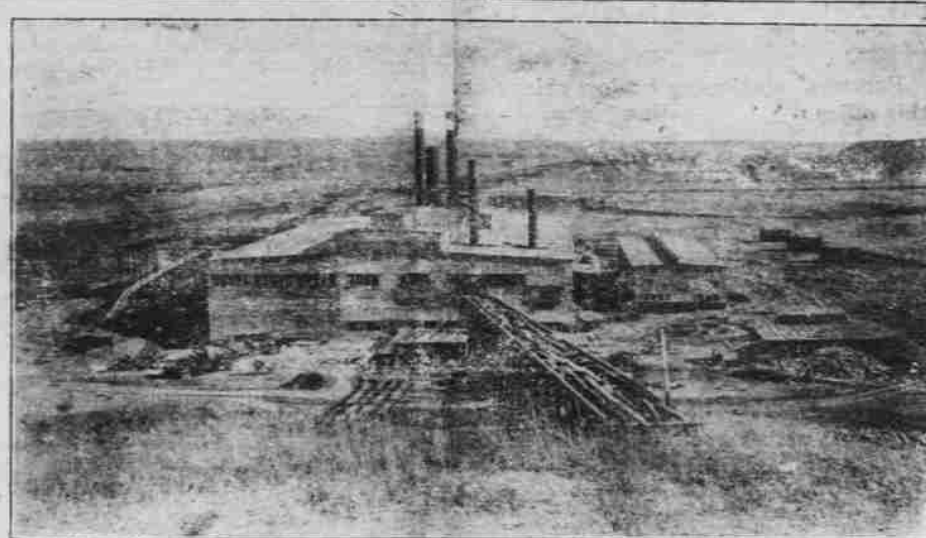
Years ago Conrad Krueger of Freedom township planted these little yearling trees, and has planted every year since, and now he has from the surplus trees more than enough firewood for the family use. They cut and pile it up during the winter and always have plenty. The trees must be cared for in planting and ordinary cultivation to secure good results. The Bellman timber claim in Buckeye was also started with these little trees.

Notice.

Those wishing nursery stock should give me your orders at once, as the time for taking orders for Spring planting will close the last of February. No cuttings handled. Get the best. Can sell as cheap as anyone for the same grade of stock. J. C. WESTBROOK. 14-3t

News comes of the death in Oklahoma of our old timer, Joseph Gaukie, at the age of 75. He formerly lived on a ranche near Turkville, and later he moved to Hays and built the big residence now owned by Miss Andreas. Then he went to Oklahoma, where he started another ranche. Everybody here liked "Old Joe" and will regret to hear of his death.

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THE CEMENT MILL—YOCEMENTO.

The above cut is from a picture taken by W. H. Kniskern, the engineer in charge of the construction work on the mill. The picture was taken from the hill where the rock will be quarried for the manufacture of cement. The trestlework in the foreground is the track over which the rock will be carried to the mill—it will be seen that this is a very short distance. To the right is the machine shop and the three oil tanks, which latter are placed some distance apart so in case one catches fire the other two tanks will be at a safe distance. The mill and the machine shop are good advertisements for the business, both being constructed of re-enforced cement. The machinery is all mounted on cement pillars and the office building is made entirely of cement blocks.

A post-card view of the above picture and one other similar view has been placed on sale at the local dealers.

What an Outsider Thinks.

The great importance of the cement plant at Yocemento, in Ellis County, is only understood after a visit to the rapidly building concern just west of Hays. Thousands of dollars are being put into buildings, machinery, etc. at the base of which the rock will be taken to make the cement, all of which in time only will make the plant a great institution and a mighty big thing for Ellis County. At the present time nowhere in all of western Kansas is there an institution of such gigantic proportions being erected, nor one that carries as much importance to the western part of the state as does this cement plant. We have read much about this plant but not until last week did we fully realize what it meant, what was doing there and what it would be when completed, and then only after we looked upon the works and the doings there.—E. E. Bevan, Editor Gove Co. Record.

Population Increasing.

Although a strong Democratic county, Ellis County is certainly giving a strong endorsement to the Rooseveltian policy from the following report: Born last Saturday, Feb. 8th, to Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Unrein, Antonino a girl; to Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Lester, Hays, a boy; to Mr. and Mrs. Adam Wolf, Hays, a girl.

Matthews in Jail at Salina.

C. S. Matthews, formerly a Baptist minister at Hays, but more recently a resident of Ellsworth, where he was reported to have attempted to commit suicide by taking a large amount of morphine, and who came to Salina about three weeks ago to be treated at the Mayfield sanitarium, went wrong again last night and as a result landed in the city jail.

Matthews secured some whisky or morphine yesterday evening and about 9 o'clock began doing a "shirt tale" dance at the residence of "Pat" Laughlin on North Eighth Street, where he has been staying. Mr. Laughlin called in the police, who took the crazed man to the police station, where he is being held.

An attempt was made yesterday by Dr. Mayfield and one or two other persons in the city to have Matthews taken before the probate court and declared insane and sent to the state asylum, as it was declared nothing could be done with him, his case being hopeless. The county officials, however objected to the insanity inquiry, saying he was a resident of Ellsworth County and should be tried in the courts there.

Following this it was decided to send Matthews back to Ellsworth this morning, but he interfered with the plans by his disturbance last night. It is said, however, that if it is decided to return him to Ellsworth the case in the police court against him will be dismissed.

C. M. Rand will be here Wednesday the 19th of February to buy horses, mares and mules. Mr. Rand is the Kansas City horse buyer who pays big money for horses. Bring them in to Rand. 18-2t

Normal Notes

According to a new law Lincoln's birthday is a legal holiday and the Normal had no school Wednesday.

The score of the basket ball game Saturday evening was 9 to 6 in favor of the Senior girls.

Mrs. Matthew is quite ill this week. Walter Griffith formerly of the High School is now a student at the Normal.

Miss Ukele left Wednesday evening for her home in Logan County where she will visit until Monday.

Mr. Christiansen and Mr. Hopper returned Monday night from Wichita.

No Y. M. C. A. meeting was held Tuesday on account of the stormy weather.

Some very artistic person painted the roof of the engine house next to the library with "Sanford's Black Ink," last Friday afternoon.

Some of the windows have been put in the new wing and the workmen have begun the plastering.

Court is being held at the Ellis County Court house, but that isn't anything: court is in session at the Normal every afternoon, but only one case has ever been tried.

William Calvert returned to school Monday morning and reports that his mother is very much improved in health.

Miss Lillian Picken has been chosen as a player on the first basket ball team at the Emporia Normal. Miss Lillian has not made a practice of playing basket ball for two or three years. The faculty suggest that our girls challenge the Emporia team for a game.

What has become of the two literary societies that used to be so flourishing? Will they deserve the society rooms in the new building?

Frank Motz has recovered from the LaGrippe and returned to school Tuesday.

High School Notes

Quite a number are absent on account of sickness.

A quarter-day vacation was given on Lincoln's birthday.

Prof. Light gave an interesting talk on the life of Lincoln Wednesday morning.

Mr. Calvert, Mr. Wagner and Mr. Robinson of the Normal favored us with a call Wednesday.

As was promised in these notes several weeks ago "Old Glory" did float over this temple of knowledge Lincoln's birthday.

Steps have been taken to organize a boy's basket ball team. A meeting was held Monday evening and a committee appointed to draft a constitution and by-laws for the athletic association.

The Freshies felt that the subject of Physical Geography was becoming too strenuous when they were compelled to get up at 6 o'clock Saturday in order to take the temperature every hour till eight.

Society Notes

Miss Alice McLain is entertaining at a Valentine party this Friday evening.

The Essex Club will give a dance to the members and their ladies next Thursday evening in the G. A. R. Hall.

Mrs. W. J. Madden entertained at tea Thursday evening the following ladies: Mesdames Beach, Kohl, Adkins, Treat, Shaffer, Schrekler, Geo. Phillip, Picken, Gartland, E. F. Madden, Cox, Griffith, Bruney, Schlyer.

On Friday evening she entertained the following young ladies: The Misses Stone, Sutton, Freese, Foster, Nickles, Leahy, Hopkins, Keller, Schwaller, Shaffer, McIntosh.

The ladies' aid society of the Methodist church met at their parsonage Wednesday afternoon.

The Saturday Afternoon Club of Hays will meet with Mrs. Frank Fields Saturday Feb. 15th. Program will be rendered as follows:—

THE CAXTONS:—Bulwer Lytton
Collect
Roll Call
Reading of Minutes
Book Talk.....Mrs. G. P. Griffith
Miscellaneous Business

Mr. McVey went to Graham County this week to see after his farm.

Wednesday was Lincoln's birthday and flags floated from the public institutions.

H. J. Penney was in Oakley on political business Thursday and Friday of this week.

Rain, snow and sunshine all in one week—this is a good sample of typical Kansas weather.

I. M. Yost is getting in a car of Texas red oats and a car of seed barley. Come in and get your seed. 12-tf

J. D. Wheatcroft drove over from Lane County Tuesday to spend a few days with his family before Spring work commences.

Souvenir post cards of the Normal, showing the new additions which are being made, are now on sale at Spratt's, Harkness', Decker's, King's.

A brother of A. W. Noble, accompanied by his wife, from Ellis, visited with his brother here on Sunday. They were on their way to Kansas City.

Mr. and Mrs. Rice of Hill City arrived Wednesday for a visit with the McVey family. Mrs. Rice was formerly Clara Law, a student of the state Normal here.

Wednesday, the 19th, is the day C. M. Rand, the man who bought so many horses in the past two years at this city, will be here again to buy horses, mares and mules. Bring them in to Rand. 13-2t

Go to John Schlyer & Sons if you want to buy Buggies cheap. Prices range from \$28.00 to \$75.00. Do not miss your chance, as these prices will last only two weeks, in which time we want to close out two car-loads of high grade Buggies and Road Wagons. 12-4tc
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Church Notes

Lutheran Church.

C. F. WIEST, Pastor.

10:00 a. m. Sunday School.
11:00 a. m. Public Worship. Subject: "What to Eat and Where to Get It."
3:00 p. m. Catechetical Class.
6:30 p. m. C. E. Prayer Meeting. Topic: "Ministering to Prisoners and the Poor."
7:30 p. m. Public Worship. Subject: "Amen!"
Prayer Meeting Wednesday at 7:30 p. m.
You are cordially invited to all the services.

Presbyterian Church.

W. B. BROWN, Pastor

10:00 a. m. Sunday School.
11:00 a. m. Morning Service.
6:30 p. m. C. E. Service.
7:30 p. m. Evening Service.
Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7:30.
You are cordially invited to all these services.

Engraved visiting cards and steel die embossing at the FREE PRESS office.

Born—on Thursday to Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Saunders, Buckeye township, a boy.

Special every Saturday at Harkness' Funke's Unique Chocolates 40 cents per pound. 12-tf

Oliver Davis advertises his public sale for next Wednesday on his farm north of Hays.

A party of gentlemen from Hutchinson arrived Thursday evening and were taken out to Yocemento by Secretary Haworth to see the cement works.

Mr. Johanson of the Saline was granted a divorce in the district court here on Wednesday. Mrs. Geo. Ingenthron of this city was also granted a divorce.

The 6th district congressional republican convention has been called to meet at Osborne City, March 26th to elect two delegates and two alternates to the Chicago National Convention.

John Schlyer & Sons received another car of wagons this week. This firm is one of the large implement buyers in the western part of the state and their business is constantly growing.

Rand, the Kansas City horse buyer, bought two car-loads of horses at Hays Saturday Jan. 25. He paid as high as \$185 for one horse. He will be in Hays again soon. Watch for the announcement of dates in this paper. Farmers would get more for their horses if they would get them in better condition for market. 12-tf

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